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C O N F I D E N T I A L ATHENS 7339

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MASS, GW, GR  
SUBJECT: ALLEGED GREEK INTEREST IN ACQUIRING F-104 AIRCRAFT  
FROM FRG

REF: STATE 176685 (DTG 281334Z JUL 77)

1. THE VICE CHIEF OF THE HELLENIC AIRFORCE, GEN. KOTSALAKIS, INFORMED A MISSION OFFICER AUGUST 3 THAT THE HAF HAS BEEN IN DIRECT OFFICIAL CONTACT WITH THE CHIEF OF THE FRG AIR FORCE FOR ABOUT TWO YEARS IN AN ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN A VERY FEW F-104'S AT NO COST UNDER THEIR AID PROGRAM WITH THE FRG OR AT A VERY FAVORABLE PRICE. THESE AIRCRAFT ARE WANTED BY THE HAF TO COVER FUTURE ATTRITION IN THEIR PRESENT 39 AIRCRAFT F-104 INVENTORY. THE LATEST REQUEST WAS IN JULY BY LETTER FROM GENERAL ECONOMOU, CHIEF OF THE HAF, TO THE CHIEF OF THE FRG AIR FORCE. NO REPLY HAS YET BEEN RECEIVED. ALL PREVIOUS REQUESTS HAVE BEEN ANSWERED TO THE EFFECT THAT NO F-104'S ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE FRG.

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2. KOTSALAKIS STATED EMPHATICALLY THAT NO AGENT HAD BEEN AUTHORIZED TO ACT ON BEHALF OF THE HAF OR THE GOG IN THIS MATTER AND THAT THE HAF HAD PREVIOUSLY REFUSED AND WOULD CONTINUE TO REFUSE TO DEAL WITH ANY ONE OF SEVERAL AGENTS WHO FROM TIME TO TIME HAVE PROPOSED THAT THEY COULD ARRANGE TO BUY SOME F-104'S FROM ONE SOURCE OR ANOTHER.  
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